

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 608

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Sergeant Rick Harmon on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those outstanding individuals who have dedicated their careers to protecting and serving their communities as law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, for nearly thirty-three years, Sergeant Rick Harmon of the Morristown Police Department (MPD) has sacrificed personal concerns to make his community a safer place to live; he is now taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Rick Harmon began his distinguished career with MPD in August 1985 as a patrol officer before earning promotion to detective and then to detective sergeant in February 2008; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Harmon has worked in General Investigations but currently serves in the Narcotics and Vice Division; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure with MPD, Sergeant Harmon has served on the Special Response Team (SRT), the Multiple Crimes Task Force, the Auto Theft Task Force, the Third Judicial District Drug Task Force, and the U.S. Marshal's Smoky Mountain Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of numerous awards for valiant service in the line of duty, Sergeant Harmon was recognized for outstanding performance as a member of the SRT for an event that occurred in April 1995 and received the MPD Medal of Valor for an event that occurred in December 1998; and

WHEREAS, after retiring, Sergeant Harmon plans to continue serving the citizens of Morristown as a MPD reserve officer; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, Sergeant Rick Harmon has served the Morristown Police department with courage, integrity, and professionalism, and he should be honored on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we thank Sergeant Rick Harmon for nearly thirty-three years of meritorious service as an officer with the Morristown Police Department, express our gratitude for a dangerous and difficult job well done, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.